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## **SPAIN – AMRAAM Missiles**

On 20 March, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Spain of AMRAAM Missiles and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$19 Million.

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of 31 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), eight Captive Air Training Missiles, software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, aircraft modification and integration, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, contractor support, other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$19 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Spain while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Spain needs these additional missiles to enhance the air-to-air self-defense capability of their F-18 aircraft and provide for increased interoperability with U.S. forces. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Spain.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.